

Trolley Barn Newsletter

April 2008

Happy Hollow Electrification: The final design details are taking shape to the point where we are able to get a correct count of the hardware required and proceed with ordering.

1923 American LaFrance Torpedo Fire Engine: The engine has run satisfactorily, but still needs fine tuning. Other finish items are being installed.

Bean Orchard Sprayer: Disassembly of the hardware is well underway and cleaning of major components of the engine and pump has started.

Little Buttercup: Little Buttercup is an 0-4-0 switcher steam locomotive given to CTRC by the California State Railroad Museum. The locomotive will be stored in the Trolley Barn until CTRC's future Railroad Museum is constructed. Storage indoors was a condition of the donation for the locomotive, but not the tender. The tender is being stored behind the Trolley Barn. The locomotive and tender arrived at the Trolley Barn on April 3. Movement from the truck into the Barn was a challenge due to limited space for the truck. We managed. See the following pages for more details about Little Buttercup and its installation into the Trolley Barn.

As a personal aside I would comment that moving a steam engine into a tight space is very challenging. I think I speak for all of us that we're very happy with the outcome, but it was a long, hard day. Thanks guys.

Locomotive 1215: In keeping with our commitment, Locomotive 1215 and its tender are being moved one track section to give the museum back their parking space. With a heavy event season upon us, the parking space will be much needed.

Visitor's Log: A number of our guests leave their name and comments in our visitor's log. All are brief and very complimentary. Once in a rare while we'll get one like this; "It smells like Dad".

Motorman/Host assignments for May:

SAT.	Motormen	Host	SUN.	Motormen	Host
3	no trolley*	Ouimett/Boehm	4	Bingham	Stallard
10	no trolley**	Schneider	11	J. Maurer	Raby
17	Baker	?	19	Westfall	Gaddis
24	Butler/R. Maurer	Ouimett/Boehm	26	J. Maurer	Traill
31	Huff/Ryan	Traill			

* Car Show

* Scout O Rama (7000 expected)

1899 Santa Fe Railroad Steam Locomotive

“Little Buttercup”

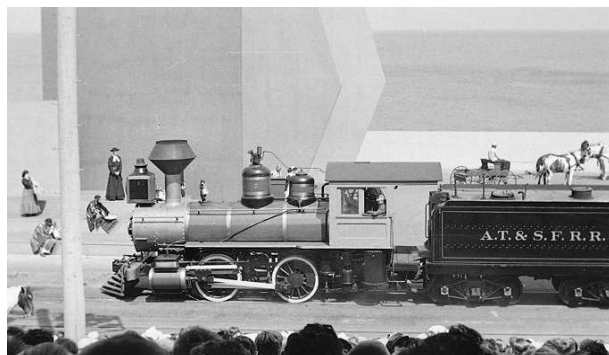
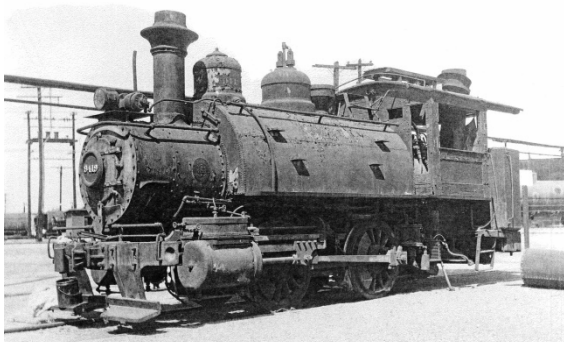
Santa Fe 0-4-0 #5 *Little Buttercup* began life in 1899 as an 0-4-0T built by Baldwin Locomotive Works as Santa Fe Terminal #1 for operation on the Santa Fe trackage in San Francisco’s China Basin. Built to burn oil, the locomotive carried its water supply in a large saddle tank which sat directly over the boiler (hence the 0-4-0 “T” designation). After a few years it was renumbered into the Santa Fe system as #2419. In later years it served as the shop switcher at Needles, California and renumbered 9419 in 1945.

In 1948 the Santa Fe rebuilt the locomotive to an “old timey” appearance for historical display at the Chicago Railway Fair. The saddle tank was removed and a tender was added. To complete its new appearance, the locomotive received a large smokestack, headlight, bell, and a colorful paint scheme. It was named “Buttercup” after an early Santa Fe 4-4-0 steam locomotive from the 1880s.

After the Chicago fair the Santa Fe kept the locomotive for promotional purposes and occasional special events. It last operated under steam in the mid 1950s. Most of the time it just remained in storage. In 1986 the Santa Fe presented the locomotive as part of a large historical collection to the California State Railroad Museum with the expectation that the Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific Railroads were about to merge.

In April 2008, CSRSM placed the engine on permanent loan to the California Trolley and Railroad Corporation for eventual display at the proposed San Jose Railroad Museum. Little Buttercup’s

tender, which carries water and oil, may be seen outside the north wall of the trolley barn.



1899 original tank appearance

1948 Chicago Railway Fair

Text by Ken Middlebrook, CTRC



Moving the Port Huron out of the way



New home for Little Buttercup



Little Buttercup Arrives



Putting temporary track in place



Moving Little Buttercup into the Trolley Barn
spare)



Installing Head Lamp

Pictures by Bob Schneider

Just Barely Fits (2 inches to



Technical Description